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1. RECALLING EXCHANGE OF CABLES IN LATE JANUARY (REFS A AND B), IN WHICH DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT JOINT ALLIED EVALUATION OF SPAIN'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE ALLIANCE "COULD PROVE USEFUL UNDER THE RIGHT CIRCUMSTANCES," WE WISH TO INQUIRE WHETHER CIRCUMSTANCES ARE NOW RIGHT.

2. IN SUGGESTING THIS REVIEW, WE HAVE IN MIND FOLLOWING FACTORS:

(1) AUSPICIOUS FIRST STEPS OF PRESIDENT ARIAS NAVARRO (E.G., REF C), WHICH OTHER ALLIES WILL ALSO BE EVALUATING; (2) CONTINUING SPANISH INTEREST IN CLOSE MILITARY LIAISON WITH NATO (REF D);

(3) POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE OF DISCUSSING QUESTION IN NATO BEFORE US-SPANISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS REACH DECISION STAGE; (4) APPARENT QUIESCENCE OF UNRESOLVED UK-SPAIN GIBRALTAR DISPUTE.

3. IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTORS, WE BELIEVE DISCUSSION COULD LAY GROUNDWORK FOR ANY SUGGESTIONS US MAY WISH TO MAKE  
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AT 25TH ANNIVERSARY FOR CLOSER ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO.  
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